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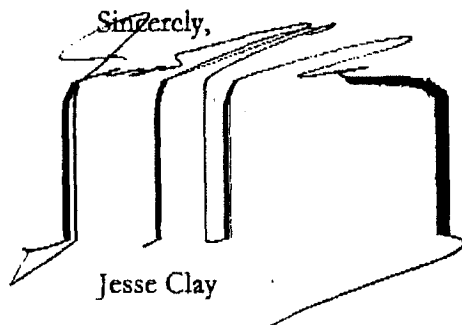
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to take some time to express to you my feelings about the proposed settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. It is about time that the antitrust suit ended, and I feel that the terms in the settlement, although harsh on Microsoft, will be for the betterment of the computer industry and the economy.

I am pleased with the prospect of the case being resolved, but I think it was initiated for all of the wrong reasons. Microsoft's competitors had a major role in initiating the litigation, because they could not bring to the market a product that matched Microsoft's own. The competition should be happy though. The terms of the settlement require Microsoft to turn over to their competitors source code and design data that are crucial to the internal make-up of Windows. Enough is enough. This settlement needs to be approved so the industry can get back on its feet, and with competitors working more closely with one another, the industry will benefit.

I feel the proposed settlement will benefit all parties involved, including Microsoft's competitors.

Sincerely,



Jesse Clay